

July 17, 2007

LEGISLATIVE DAY OF JULY 17, 2007

110TH CONGRESS - FIRST SESSION

11:59
P.M. -

The House adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for
10:00 a.m. on July 18, 2007.

On
motion to adjourn Agreed to by voice vote.

Mr.
Burgess moved that the House do now adjourn.

9:21
P.M. -

SPECIAL ORDER SPEECHES - The House has concluded all
anticipated legislative business and has proceeded to Special Order speeches.

Mr.
Conaway requested the following general leaves to address the House on July 24:
Mr. Poe for 5 min and Mr. Jones of NC for 5 min.

On
approving the Journal Agreed to by voice vote.

9:19
P.M. -

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - The Chair announced that the unfinished business was the question of agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal which had been postponed from earlier in the legislative day.

9:17
P.M. -

APPOINTMENTS - Pursuant to section 205(a) of the Vietnam Education Foundation Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-254), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Board of Directors of the Vietnam Education Foundation: Upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader: Mr. Blumenauer, Oregon; and upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader: Mr. Pitts, Pennsylvania.

H.R. 3043:

making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes

9:15
P.M. -

Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union rises leaving H.R. 3043 as unfinished business.

9:14
P.M. -

On motion that the Committee rise Agreed to by voice vote.

Mr.
Obey moved that the Committee rise.

On
agreeing to the Sessions amendment Failed by recorded vote: 173 - 251 (Roll
no. 646).

9:08
P.M. -

On agreeing to the Jindal amendment Failed by recorded
vote: 183 - 243 (Roll
no. 645).

9:04
P.M. -

On agreeing to the Marchant amendment Failed by recorded vote:
149 - 277 (Roll
no. 644).

8:57
P.M. -

On agreeing to the Platts amendment Failed by recorded
vote: 174 - 250 (Roll
no. 643).

8:51
P.M. -

On agreeing to the Kline (MN) amendment Failed by recorded
vote: 186 - 237 (Roll
no. 642).

8:29
P.M. -

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - The Chair announced that the unfinished business was the question of adoption of amendments which had been debated earlier and on which further proceedings had been postponed.

On
agreeing to the Musgrave amendment Agreed to by voice vote.

8:20
P.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 547, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with debate on the Musgrave amendment under the five-minute rule.

Amendment
offered by Mrs. Musgrave.

An amendment reduce appropriations for the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases by \$175,000.

8:19
P.M. -

Mr. Obey raised a point of order against the Garrett (NJ) amendment Mr. Obey stated that the amendment sought to amend portions of the bill not yet read. The Chair sustained the point of order.

8:13
P.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 547, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with debate on the Garrett (NJ) amendment under the five-minute rule pending reservation of a point of order.

Amendment

offered by Mr. Garrett (NJ).

An amendment to reduce funding for Alaska Education Equity and to increase the appropriation for cancer research by \$10 million.

8:11
P.M. -

POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Barton (TX) amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Barton (TX) demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.

7:39
P.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 547, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with debate on the Barton(TX) amendment under the five-minute rule.

Amendment
offered by Mr. Barton (TX).

An amendment to strike the proviso on page 36, beginning at line 5 which states that within the amounts provided for part A of title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act, funds are included to ensure that the amount of any funding provided under such part to a metropolitan area for the program year beginning in 2007 is not reduced by an amount that is more than 8.4 percent, and the amount of any funding provided under subpart II of such part to a transitional area is not reduced by an amount that is more than 13.4 percent, relative to the amount of the total funding provided under such part to the metropolitan area or transitional area, respectively, for the program year beginning in fiscal year 2006.

On
agreeing to the Smith (NJ) amendment Agreed to by voice vote.

7:35
P.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 547, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with debate on the Smith (NJ) amendment under the five-minute rule.

Amendment
offered by Mr. Smith (NJ).

An amendment to increase appropriations for the National Cord Blood Stem Cell Program by \$11,037,000.

7:34
P.M. -

POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Jindal amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Jindal demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.

7:24
P.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 547, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with debate on the Jindal amendment under the five-minute rule.

Amendment
offered by Mr. Jindal.

An amendment to redirect \$37,200,000 in funding with respect to the Health Resources and Services account.

On
agreeing to the Wasserman Schultz amendment Agreed to by voice vote.

7:21
P.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 547, the
Committee of the Whole proceeded with debate on the Wasserman Schultz amendment
under the five-minute rule.

Amendment
offered by Ms. Wasserman Schultz.

An amendment to increase appropriations for the Department
of Health and Human Services (by transfer) by \$3,500,000, to be taken from the
Center for Disease Control, Research, and Training Department account.

7:20
P.M. -

POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the
Stearns amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and
by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Stearns demanded a
recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of
adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.

7:02
P.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 547, the
Committee of the Whole proceeded with debate on the Stearns amendment under the
five-minute rule.

7:01
P.M. -

Amendment offered by Mr. Stearns.

An amendment to increase the appropriation (by transfer) for Health Resources and Services by \$12.5 million.

7:00
P.M. -

POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Sessions amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Sessions demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.

6:53
P.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 547, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with debate on the Sessions amendment under the five-minute rule.

Amendment
offered by Mr. Sessions.

An amendment numbered 5 printed in the Congressional Record to prohibit the use of appropriated funds to be used to carry out a public-private competition or direct conversion under OMB Circular A-76 or any successor.

6:50
P.M. -

On agreeing to the Shays amendment Failed by voice vote.

6:47
P.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 547, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with debate on the Shays amendment under the five-minute rule.

Amendment
offered by Mr. Shays.

An amendment to reduce appropriations for Departmental Management's salaries and expenses, and program administration and increase appropriations for the Corporation for National and Community Service operating expenses.

6:46
P.M. -

POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Jindal amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Jindal demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.

6:33
P.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 547, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with debate on the Jindal amendment under the five-minute rule.

Amendment
offered by Mr. Jindal.

An amendment to reduce the appropriation (by transfer) for the Salaries and Expenses by \$50 million.

On
agreeing to the Shays amendment Agreed to by voice vote.

6:31
P.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 547, the
Committee of the Whole proceeded with debate on the Shays amendment under the
five-minute rule.

Amendment
offered by Mr. Shays.

An amendment to reduce appropriations for Departmental
Management (by transfer), and redirect \$500,000 to the National Labor Relations
Board.

On
agreeing to the McCaul (TX) amendment Agreed to by voice vote.

DEBATE
- Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 547, the
Committee of the Whole proceeded with debate on the McCaul amendment under the
five-minute rule.

6:30
P.M. -

Amendment offered by Mr. McCaul (TX).

An amendment to reduce appropriations for Departmental
Management (by transfer), and redirect \$2,000,000 to Special Education.

POSTPONED

PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Marchant amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Marchant demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.

6:19
P.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 547, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with debate on the Marchant amendment under the five-minute rule.

Amendment
offered by Mr. Marchant.

An amendment to reduce the amount appropriated for the Salaries and Expenses account by \$58,419,000.

On
agreeing to the Reichert amendment Agreed to by voice vote.

6:15
P.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 547, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with debate on the Reichert amendment under the five-minute rule pending reservation of a point of order. Subsequently, the reservation was removed.

Amendment
offered by Mr. Reichert.

An amendment to reduce the appropriation (by transfer) for Salaries and Expenses by \$ 2,500,000.

6:12
P.M. -

POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Platts amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Platts demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.

6:03
P.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 547, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with debate on the Platts amendment under the five-minute rule.

6:02
P.M. -

Amendment offered by Mr. Platts.

An amendment to reduce appropriations for the Bureau of Labor Statistics and increase appropriations for education for the disadvantaged.

5:57
P.M. -

POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Kline amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Kline demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.

5:24
P.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 547, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with debate on the Kline amendment under the five-minute rule.

Amendment
offered by Mr. Kline (MN).

An amendment to increase appropriations for the Employment Standards Administration and reduce appropriations for the Departmental Management account.

5:17
P.M. -

On agreeing to the McKeon amendment Failed by voice vote.

5:07
P.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 547, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with debate on the McKeon amendment under the five-minute rule.

5:06
P.M. -

Amendment offered by Mr. McKeon.

An amendment to reduce appropriations for the Employment and Training Administration by \$43,746,000 and increase appropriations for education for the disadvantaged by \$75,000,000.

4:01
P.M. -

GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour of general debate on H.R. 3043.

The Speaker designated the Honorable Ellen O. Tauscher to act as Chairwoman of the Committee.

House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 547 and Rule XVIII.

Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 3043 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be read by paragraph. Bill is open to amendments. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule.

Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 547.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE - Mr. Obey asked unanimous consent that during consideration of H.R. 3043 pursuant to H. Res. 547, the Chair may reduce to 2 minutes the minimum time for electronic voting under clause 6 of rule 18 and clauses 8 and 9 of rule 20. Agreed to without objection.

3:57
P.M. -

The Speaker laid before the House a message from the President transmitting a report on the issuance of an executive order blocking property of persons determined to be in a position to threaten peace and

stability of Iraq or undermining efforts to promote economic reconstruction and political reform in Iraq or to provide humanitarian assistance to the Iraqi people - referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 110-47).

H.R. 2641:

making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes

On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 312 - 112 (Roll no. 641).

Motion
to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

3:38
P.M. -

The House adopted the amendments en gross as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

The
previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.

3:37
P.M. -

The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 2641.

On
motion to rise and report Agreed to by voice vote.

Mr.

Visclosky moved for the Committee of the Whole to rise and report.

3:36

P.M. -

On agreeing to the Campbell (CA) amendment Failed by
recorded vote: 39 - 388 (Roll
no. 640).

3:33

P.M. -

On agreeing to the Hensarling amendment Failed by recorded
vote: 81 - 348 (Roll
no. 639).

3:27

P.M. -

On agreeing to the Hensarling amendment Failed by recorded
vote: 79 - 337 (Roll
no. 638).

3:23

P.M. -

On agreeing to the Hensarling amendment Failed by recorded
vote: 70 - 357 (Roll
no. 637).

3:19

P.M. -

On agreeing to the Flake amendment Failed by recorded
vote: 98 - 326 (Roll
no. 636).

2:54
P.M. -

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - The Chair announced that the
unfinished business was the question of adoption of amendments which had been
debated earlier and on which further proceedings had been postponed.

2:50
P.M. -

POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the
Campbell CA) amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment
and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Campbell (CA)
demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the
question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.

2:22
P.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to a previous order of the House, the
Committee of the Whole proceeded with 30 minutes of debate on the Campbell (CA)
amendment.

Amendment
offered by Mr. Campbell (CA).

An amendment to prohibit use of funds for each earmark
listed in the bill.

POSTPONED
PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Hensarling amendment, the
Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote,

announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Hensarling demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.

2:14
P.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to a previous order of the House, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Hensarling amendment.

2:13
P.M. -

Amendment offered by Mr. Hensarling.

An amendment numbered 39 printed in the Congressional Record to prohibit use of funds for Nanosys, Inc.

2:12
P.M. -

On agreeing to the Hensarling amendment Failed by voice vote.

2:03
P.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to a previous order of the House, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Hensarling amendment.

2:02
P.M. -

Amendment offered by Mr. Hensarling.

An amendment numbered 38 printed in the Congressional Record to prohibit use of funds for Roosevelt University Biology Laboratory Equipment.

2:01
P.M. -

POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Hensarling amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Hensarling demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.

1:54
P.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to a previous order of the House, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Hensarling amendment.

1:53
P.M. -

Amendment offered by Mr. Hensarling.

An amendment numbered 37 printed in the Congressional Record to prohibit use of funds for the Emmanuel College Center for Science Partnership.

On
agreeing to the Hensarling amendment Failed by voice vote.

1:47
P.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to a previous order of the House, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Hensarling amendment.

Amendment
offered by Mr. Hensarling.

An amendment numbered 36 printed in the Congressional Record to prohibit use of funds for the Environmental Science Center, University of Dubuque, Iowa.

POSTPONED

PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Hensarling amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Hensarling demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.

1:35
P.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to a previous order of the House, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Hensarling amendment.

Amendment
offered by Mr. Hensarling.

An amendment numbered 35 printed in the Congressional Record to prohibit use of funds for the South Carolina HBCU Science and Technology Initiative.

The

House resolved into Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration.

1:34
P.M. -

Considered as unfinished business.

H.R. 1:

to provide for the implementation of the recommendations
of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States

1:29
P.M. -

The Speaker appointed a conferee for consideration of
Title II of the House bill, and Title III and subtitle C of title XIV of the
Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Larson (CT).

The
Speaker appointed conferees - from the Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure for consideration of Titles I-III, sec. 1002, and Title XI of
the House bill, and secs. 202, 301, Title IV, secs. 801-803, 807, 901, 1001,
1002, 1101-1103, 1422-1424, 1426, 1427, 1429, 1430, 1433, 1436-1438, 1441, 1443,
1444, 1446, 1449, 1464, 1473, 1503, and 1605 of the Senate amendment, and
modifications committed to conference: Oberstar, DeFazio, and Mica.

The
Speaker appointed conferees - from the Committee on Science and Technology for
consideration of secs. 703, 1301, 1464, 1467, and 1507 of the Senate amendment,
and modifications committed to conference: Gordon, Wu, and Gingrey.

The
Speaker appointed conferees - from the Permanent Select Committee on
Intelligence for consideration of secs. 601, 712, 723, 732, 733, 741, 742, and
subtitle A of title VIII of the House bill, and secs. 111-113, 121, 122, 131,
502, 601, 602, 703, 1201-1203, 1205, 1206, and 1606 of the Senate amendment,

and modifications committed to conference: Reyes, Cramer, and Hoekstra.

The

Speaker appointed conferees - from the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform for consideration of sec. 408 and subtitle A of title VIII of the House bill, and secs. 114, 601, 602, 903, 904, 1203, 1205, and 1601 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Waxman, Clay, and Issa.

The

Speaker appointed conferees - from the Committee on the Judiciary for consideration of secs. 406, 501, 601, 702, and Title VIII of the House bill, and secs. 123, 501-503, 601-603, 1002, and 1432 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Conyers, Lofgren, Zoe, and Sensenbrenner.

The

Speaker appointed conferees - from the Committee on Foreign Affairs for consideration of secs. 601, 1202, 1211, 1221, 1222, 1232, 1233, 1241, 1302, 1311, 1312, 1322, 1323, 1331-1333, 1412, 1414, 1422, 1431, and 1441-1443 of the House bill, and secs. 502, 1301, Title XVIII, secs. 1911-1913, and 1951 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Lantos, Ackerman, and Ros-Lehtinen.

The

Speaker appointed conferees - from the Committee on Energy and Commerce for consideration of Title I, Title II, secs. 743 and 901 of the House bill, and Title III, secs. 1002, 1481, 1482, 1484, and Title XVII of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Dingell, Markey, and Barton (TX).

The

Speaker appointed conferees - from the Committee on Armed Services for consideration of secs. 1202, 1211, 1221, 1232, 1233, and 1241 of the House bill, and section 703 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Skelton, Spratt, and Saxton.

The

Speaker appointed conferees - from the Committee on Homeland Security for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Thompson (MS), Sanchez, Loretta, Dicks, Harman, Lowey, Jackson-Lee (TX), Christensen, Etheridge, Langevin, Cuellar, Green, Al, Perlmutter, King (NY), Smith (TX), Souder, Davis, Tom, Lungren, Daniel E., Rogers (AL), McCaul (TX), Dent, and Brown-Waite, Ginny.

H.R. 2641:

making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes

Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union
rises leaving H.R.
2641 as unfinished business.

On
motion that the Committee rise Agreed to by voice vote.

1:28
P.M. -

Mr. Visclosky moved that the Committee rise.

POSTPONED

PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Flake amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Flake demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the Flake amendment until later in the legislative day.

1:21
P.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to a previous order of the House, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Flake amendment.

Amendment
offered by Mr. Flake.

An amendment to prohibit use of funds in the bill for the Center for Instrumented Critical Infrastructure in Pennsylvania.

On
agreeing to the Flake amendment Failed by voice vote.

1:16
P.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to a previous order of the House, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Flake amendment.

Amendment
offered by Mr. Flake.

An amendment to prohibit use of funds in the bill for the Alliance for NanoHealth.

On
agreeing to the Flake amendment Failed by voice vote.

1:07
P.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to a previous order of the House, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Flake amendment.

Amendment
offered by Mr. Flake.

An amendment to prohibit the use of funds for the Achieving a College Education Program at Maricopa Community College.

1:02
P.M. -

On agreeing to the Rothman amendment Agreed to by voice vote.

1:01
P.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to a previous order of the House, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Rothman amendment.

1:00
P.M. -

Amendment offered by Mr. Rothman.

An amendment to prohibit funds to be used for the Green Maintenance Building in North Bergen, New Jersey.

The House resolved into Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration.

12:59
P.M. -

Considered as unfinished business.

12:55
P.M. -

ORDER OF PROCEDURE - Mr. Visclosky asked unanimous consent that during further consideration of H.R. 2641 in the Committee of the Whole pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 481, no further amendment to the bill will be in order except those provided on a list at the desk. Agreed to without objection.

H.R. 1:

to provide for the implementation of the recommendations of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States

Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

On motion that the House instruct conferees Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 354 - 66 (Roll no. 635).

H. Res. 547:

providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3043) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes

12:40
P.M. -

Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 232 - 178 (Roll no. 634).

12:32
P.M. -

Considered as unfinished business.

H.R. 980:

to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety
officers employed by States or their political subdivisions

Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without
objection.

On
motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas
and Nays: (2/3 required): 314 - 97 (Roll
no. 633).

12:07
P.M. -

Considered as unfinished business.

12:06
P.M. -

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - The Chair announced that the
unfinished business was the question of adoption of the motion to suspend the
rules and pass H.R.
980; the question of adoption of H. Res. 547; and
the question of adoption of the motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1, all of
which had been debated earlier and on which further proceedings had been
postponed.

H.R. 1:

to provide for the implementation of the recommendations
of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States

POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the
Blackburn motion to instruct conferees, the chair put the question on adoption
of the motion and by voice vote announced the noes had prevailed. Mrs.
Blackburn demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings
on the question of adoption of the motion until later in the legislative day.

12:05
P.M. -

The previous question was ordered without objection.

11:40
A.M. -

DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on
the Blackburn motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1. The
instructions contained in the motion seek to require the managers on the part
of the House to agree to section 1455 of the Senate amendment.

11:39
A.M. -

Mrs. Blackburn moved that the House instruct conferees.

On
motion that the House disagree to the Senate amendment, and agree to a
conference Agreed to by voice vote.

11:38

A.M. -

Mr. Thompson (MS) moved that the House disagree to the Senate amendment, and agree to a conference.

H. Res. 547:

providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3043) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes

11:35

A.M. -

POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of the debate on H.Res. 547, the Chair put the question on adoption of the resolution and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Hastings of Washington objected to the voice vote based upon the absence of a quorum. The Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption until later in the legislative day. The point of no quorum is considered as withdrawn.

The previous question was ordered without objection.

11:19

A.M. -

Considered as privileged matter.

DEBATE

- The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H. Res. 547.

H.R. 980:

to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety
officers employed by States or their political subdivisions

11:12
A.M. -

At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were
demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the
Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.

10:35
A.M. -

DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate
on H.R. 980.

Considered
under suspension of the rules.

Mr.
Kildee moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The
Speaker announced that votes on suspensions, if ordered, will be postponed
until the conclusion of general debate on all suspensions.

10:05
A.M. -

ONE MINUTE SPEECHES - The House proceeded with one minute
speeches.

10:04
A.M. -

The House received a message from the Senate. The Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 41 and S. Con. Res. 27 .

PLEDGE
OF ALLEGIANCE - The Chair designated Mr. Gingrey to lead the Members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

10:03
A.M. -

POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS ON APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL - The Chair announced that he had examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and had approved it. Mr. Wilson (SC) demanded that the question be put on agreeing to the approval of the Journal and by voice vote, the Chair announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Wilson (SC) objected to the voice vote based upon the absence of a quorum and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of agreeing to the approval of the Journal until later in the legislative day.

10:01
A.M. -

Today's prayer was offered by Dr. Billy F. Hudgins, Cross Creek Community Church, Hokes Bluff, Alabama.

10:00
A.M. -

The House convened, returning from a recess continuing the legislative day of July 17.

9:02
A.M. -

The Speaker announced that the House do now recess. The next meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. today.

9:00
A.M. -

The Speaker designated the Honorable Hilda L. Solis to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

MORNING-HOUR
DEBATES - The House proceeded with Morning-Hour Debates. At the conclusion of Morning-Hour, the House will recess until 10:00 a.m. for the start of legislative business.

The
House convened, starting a new legislative day.